Funds for Orissa under NRHM

3136. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total fund allocated to Orissa for the National Rural Health Mission for the years, 2007, 2008 and 2009 and percentage of fund utilized; and

(b) whether it is a fact that huge amounts of National Rural Health Mission fund released for Orissa is lying unutilized?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) The total fund allocated to Orissa for the National Rural Health Mission for the years 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 is Rs. 284.68 crore, Rs. 345.20 crore and Rs. 338.10 crore respectively. The percentage of fund utilized for the year 2006-07 is 87%, 2007-08 is 77% and 2008-09 is 92%.

(b) In view of the above, it is incorrect to say that huge funds released to Orissa are lying unutilised.

CGHS facility in Kerala

3137. SHRI P. RAJEEVE: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of CGHS dispensaries available to the MPs and Central Government Employees in Kerala, dispensary-wise;

(b) whether all major cities/towns have CGHS facility in Kerala;

(c) if not, the alternative arrangement made for the beneficiaries there; and

(d) the details of centres authorized for providing ayurvedic treatment to the CGHS beneficiaries in Kerala, centre-wise and the details of treatment available under the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Five CGHS dispensaries are functioning in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.

(b) No.

(c) Serving central Government employees outside Thiruvananthapuram are covered by Central Services (Medical Attendance) Rules, 1944. Central Government pensioners staying in an area not covered by the CGHS can get their pensioner CGHS cards made in a CGHS city nearest to their residence for IPD treatment and also get Fixed Medical Allowance for their OPD needs.

(d) CGHS dispensary at Sasthamangalam, Thiruvananthapuram provides treatment under ayurvedic system of medicines.

Review of the impact of economic slow down on SSIs

3138. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any review of the situation prevailing in the small scale industries especially to ascertain the impact of consistent slow down of our economy conducted;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the details of 'major promotional package' for SSI sector, promised by Government in May, 2004 in its National Common Minimum Programme, indicating the number of SSI units availed of the package *vis-a-vis* nature of impact thereof witnessed; and

(e) the details of number of SSI units operating in 2003-04, volume of their outstanding debts with Banks/FIs indicating the situation prevailed on March 31, 2009?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) to (c) The Government and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) have been reviewing the situation prevailing in the micro and small enterprises (MSE) sector in the wake of global/domestic economic slowdown. The major problems faced by MSEs relate to slackening of demand for their products/services, especially reduction in export-related orders, and delayed payments of dues by large units, leading to liquidity crunch. Keeping this in view, the Government, the RBI and the Public Sector Banks have taken several measures for protecting and providing a stimulus to the MSEs.

(d) In line with the announcement made in the National Common Minimum Programme of the Government in May, 2004, a 'Policy Package for Stepping up Credit to Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)' was announced by the Government in August, 2005 with the objective of doubling the credit flow to the sector within a period of five years. This has helped in enhancing the credit flow to the MSE sector significantly. As per the data furnished by the RBI in respect of public sector banks, the number of MSE accounts increased from 13.95 lakh in March, 2005 to 43.02 lakh in March, 2009 while the outstanding loans to them increased from Rs. 68,000 crore to Rs. 1,90,968 crore during the same period. Subsequently, a comprehensive Package for Promotion of Micro and Small Enterprises was announced in February, 2007 for providing requisite support in areas of credit, cluster development, technology and quality upgradation, marketing, entrepreneurial and managerial development, etc., comprising of specific schemes which are being implemented for the promotion and development of MSEs and enhancing their competitiveness.

(e) The estimated number of MSEs during 2003-04 was 113.95 lakh. As per the information furnished by the RBI, the outstanding against the MSEs that availed loans from the public sector banks was Rs. 58,311 crore in March, 2004 and has increased to Rs. 1,90,968 crore (provisional) in March, 2009.